

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
ST. THOMAS DISTRICT ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
WINDWARD PASSAGE HOTEL
ST. THOMAS, USVI
JULY 22, 2015**

The St. Thomas District Advisory Panel (DAP/STT) of the Caribbean Fishery Management Council convened at the Windward Passage Hotel in St. Thomas, USVI, on July 22, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Julian Magras. (Attendance list and agenda attached.)

The species selection list was provided to the panel members from which they provided the following recommendations to the CFMC:

- I. To include the following species in the management unit in EEZ waters off St. Thomas/St. John, USVI:

All parrotfish, all three surgeonfish, queen triggerfish, all three angelfish, queen snapper, aquarium trade species (Finfish and invertebrate, all hard, soft and black corals, aquarium trade species under the Coral FMP.)

- II. To exclude the following species from the management unit in EEZ waters off St. St. Thomas/St. John, USVI, since they are not targeted species:

Dog snapper, schoolmaster snapper, rock hind grouper, yellowmouth grouper, scrawled cowfish, smooth trunkfish, puddingwife and spanish hogfish.

- III. Since the following species are not targeted off St. Thomas/St. John at this time, but are important ecologically or are biologically vulnerable and should be monitored, they should be listed as Ecosystem Component Species:

Queen snapper, coney, misty grouper, white grunt, margate, bluestripped grunt, jolthead porgy, sea bream, pluma porgy, sheepshead porgy, longspine squirrelfish, blue runner, hogfish, dolphin fish, wahoo, whitespotted filefish, honeycomb cowfish and trunkfish.

On other issues, the DAP/STT recommends to the CFMC to establish a process to conduct evaluations or assessment on the effectiveness of management measures implemented and those already in place.